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Jersey City Offers an Exciting Entertainment Summer Lineup A Two-Month Fun Packed Summer of Free Concerts and Dance

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, Municipal Council, and the **Division of Cultural Affairs** host the annual **Summerfest Concert Series**, the annual **Jazz for Lunch Music Series**, **Concerts at the MLK Hub**, and the **Summer Dance Fest Series** during the months of **July** and **August**.

“Jersey City is proud to offer another season of entertainment for everyone to enjoy,” said **Mayor Healy**. “These concerts have become a cherished staple of summers in our City for residents and visitors alike, and allow us to showcase our finest local musicians to the broadest possible audience. For the third year, I am excited to have dance added into the entertainment mix.”

The **Summerfest Concert Series**, a two month-long program that runs from July 12th through August 16th that brings more than a dozen recording artists to Jersey City. Morris Pesin, a former City Councilman and the driving force behind the creation of Liberty State Park, started the concert series more than 30 years ago. The Summerfest Concert Series is sponsored by the Liberty House Restaurant, Friends of Liberty State Park, Liberty State Park, the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation and the Jersey City Urban Enterprise program.

The concert schedule is as followed:

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.			Sundays 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.		
July 12 th	JOHN CHRISTIAN	Pop & R&B	July 17 th	JERSEY SOUND	Oldies 50's & 60's
July 19 th	SOULFINGER	Pop & R&B	July 24 th (6-8pm)	REMINISCE	Oldies & New
July 26 th	KYM LAWRENCE	Big Band Songs	July 31 st	DON CARTER	Jazz
Aug 9 th	NY EXCEPTION	Oldies	Aug 7 th	MOONLIGHTERS	Big Band Music
Aug 16 th	3D	Latin Music	Aug 14 th	GENERATION OF SOUL	80's & 90's Music

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The concerts, which are free and open to the public, are held every **Sunday** and **Tuesday** evening throughout the months of July and August in the Liberty State Park Gardens behind the Liberty House Restaurant.

Although parking is available at the Liberty House Restaurant, concert goers may also take the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail to Liberty State Park. The concert is held on the lawn and concert goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Free Concerts at the MLK Hub, made possible in part by funding from the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation and the Jersey City Urban Enterprise program, are held every Friday from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, July 15th through August 26th.

July 15 th	A.M.-P.M. Band
July 22 nd	A.M.-P.M. Band
July 29 th	Carl Brister, Wayne Harmon & A.M.-P.M. Band
August 5 th	Harvest Dance Band
August 12 th	Trusol
August 19 th	P.R.I.M.E
August 26 th	Rob McCoy, Aygnera & Tia Clarice

“Jersey City is an ideal place for everyone to enjoy a summer night outdoors especially by the Hudson River,” continued **Mayor Healy**. “The combination of the summer’s breeze, the pier’s scenic backdrop and the live entertainment makes for great entertainment for our residents and summer visitors alike. This year, I am proud to announce we have two exciting events happening at our renovated pier.”

The **Jazz for Lunch Music Series**, sponsored by Goldman Sachs, features jazz, rhythm and blues, and gospel music from **12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m.** at the J. Owen Grundy Pier at Exchange Place. The free concert series will kick-off with a musical performance by **Eugene McKnight** on **July 7th**.

July 7	Eugene McKnight
July 14	A Class Act
July 21	Rich Reiter
July 28	Linda Ipanema
August 4	David Cedeno
August 11	Leisa Brown/ AM-PM BAND
August 18	Alberto Plummer
August 25	Bryan Beninghove

Another event recently added to the cultural calendar is the **Summer Dance Fest Series**, made possible in part by funding from the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation and the Jersey City Urban Enterprise program, which will be held on the **J. Owen Grundy Pier** every **Thursday** evening at **6:30 p.m.** from **July 14th – August 11th**. The dance series, facilitated by the **Kennedy Dancers, Inc.**, is open to the public and features live performances and audience participation is encouraged. For the first three Thursdays, there will be a mini salsa class after the performance and a mini hip hop class after the last three performances. The classes, which are free and open to the public, are interactive with the audience and everyone is encouraged to participate. For more information, please call: 201-659-2190.

For more information on the upcoming summer events, contact the **Division of Cultural Affairs** at **201-547-6921**.

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